

Town of Boylston Board of Selectmen

Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2016 Location: Town Hall, 221 Main Street

Time: 8:06 AM – 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chairman James Wood; Michael May; James Underwood; Stephen Madaus, Town

Counsel; Marty McNamara, Town Administrator; Lori Esposito, Administrative

Assistant to the Board

The meeting commenced at 8:06 AM.

<u>Library Renovation Project</u>: (Present: Brad Barker, Jean Therriautl and Mary Bulso [OPM, Lamoureux and Pagano Associates])

Mary Bulso recommended the Board to award the bid to Builders' Systems. Stephen Madaus has worked with the OPM in reviewing the bids and he recommends this as well.

Mike May motioned to award the contract to Builders' Systems. Jamie Underwood seconded the motion; voted all in favor.

Stephen Madaus notice of the award should be given after Town Meeting and then being the process of drawing up a contract for signature of the Board of Selectmen.

Mike May motioned to authorize the Chair to execute a contract with Builders' Systems. Jamie Underwood seconded the motion; voted all in favor.

<u>Light Department Rate Increase</u>: Marty McNamara asked Mark Barakian for a breakdown of increases but does not have it yet. He has received several calls from residents and businesses. Some have had a 24%-plus increase. The School Dept. will have a \$30K shortage for electricity this fiscal year. Town Hall should be okay for this year and next year.

Jim Wood asked if the municipal rate is different. The TA said it is. It is also broken down within categories, dependent on usage. Mike May said the rates should have been gradually increased over the past ten years. This is the first increase, but it is too much at once. He believes Mark and the Light Board need to reevaluate, particularly the commercial and municipal rates. This Board should be responding to the community regarding their concerns.

- Mike May said we should have a comparison with other municipal light departments.
- The TA will invite Mark in for the next Selectmen's meeting.

At 8:20 AM, on a motion made by Selectman Jamie Underwood and seconded by Michael May, the following roll call vote was recorded to go into Executive Session under MGL c. 30A §21(a) ¶2 and ¶3, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining of the Police Union and Dispatchers' contracts. James Wood: Yes; Michael May: Yes; James Underwood: Yes. The Board agreed they would reconvene only to adjourn.

Open meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lori Esposito, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen